

PRESS STAMENT FROM
ANDRE PEREZ REGARDING ALLEGATIONS FROM
ATTORNEY WENDY AUXILLOU

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Minister Andre Perez Responds

“ I am most remorseful for the shame and pain I have brought on my wife, my children and you the people who voted for me and supported me, and I ask your forgiveness and that all attacks be levied against me, but not my family nor my party,” says Minster Andre Perez, who is prepared to come clean and explain what actually transpired.

The Start

In last year just before the Caye Caulker Village Council, Attorney Wendy Auxillou offered to help with the campaign and unbeknownst to the minister, she had her own agenda, to seek special favours for her own personal benefits and expedite matters for her clients and to seek to challenge the work of sitting chairlady Seleney Villanueva, against whom she has personal grievances.

The approach of attorney Auxillou was to volunteer and make herself helpful even to the point of asking the minister to allow her daughter, Gisell De la Fuente to be part of the PUP Slate for their upcoming Village Council Election.

According to the Minister, Attorney Auxillou one day after a hard and arduous day of campaigning exchanged pleasantries and in that moment he made a basically very flattering remarks to her, which she seemed to have welcomed. The following day she had a conversation with him and she was very assertive in suggesting she was a grown woman and not being opposed to sexual contact, but he did not immediately take up the suggestion and carried fraternizing with her as she threw herself into working for his campaign.

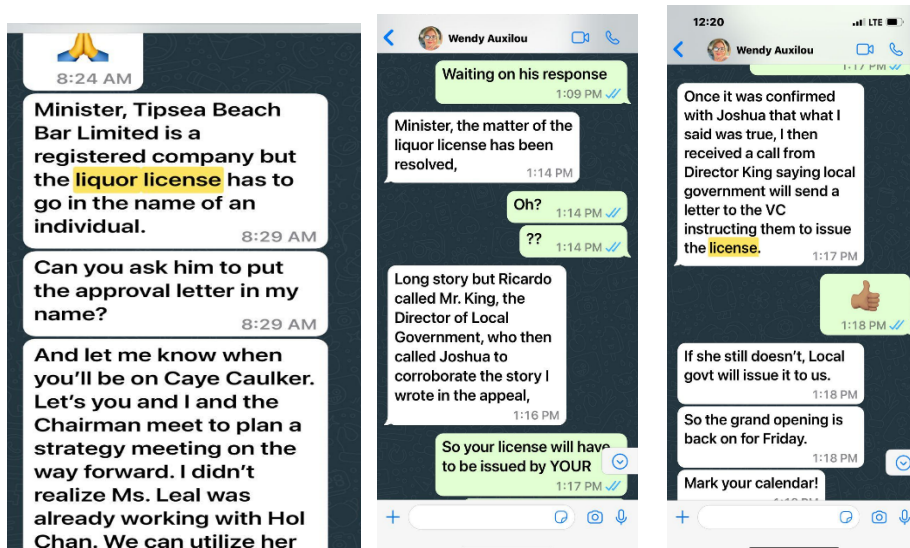
However, a few days later in March 2022, she invited him to her office and to his surprise she did not have her staff there and when he inquired she explained she told her secretary not to come in early. At that moment she made sexual advances and he instead of being strong and walking away he gave in to this moment of weakness, which he is remorseful and regrets. However, thereafter her texts were of a nature as if they we committed lovers to the extent that she not only overwhelmed him with texts and compliment but found every opportunity to be closer to him, involved in his work and almost just next to his side. There was again only one other sexual encounter which was at the end of April, 2022 after she insisted he visit her house to see the remodelling work she had done. There was no other encounter and the minister has disclosed all

details to his wife and is working on this indiscretion that has caused so many pain. *“I wish to even apologize to attorney Auxillou as I should have known better, even if it was between two consenting adults, as I should have first considered my vows to my wife of thirty years who has been my pillar and rock and still supports me despite my imperfections”*, expressed Minister Perez.

“I was wrong and I wish I could undo the harm and shame I have caused to all and especially now that I am compelled to come forward and address publicly what was a private act between two consenting adults as I never wish to tell on any woman, as I am now forced to do in defending myself. I can assure all that there was never any sexual harassment, no threats and definitely I never abused my office, despite her many request, which most unfortunately I am now revealing.” He added.

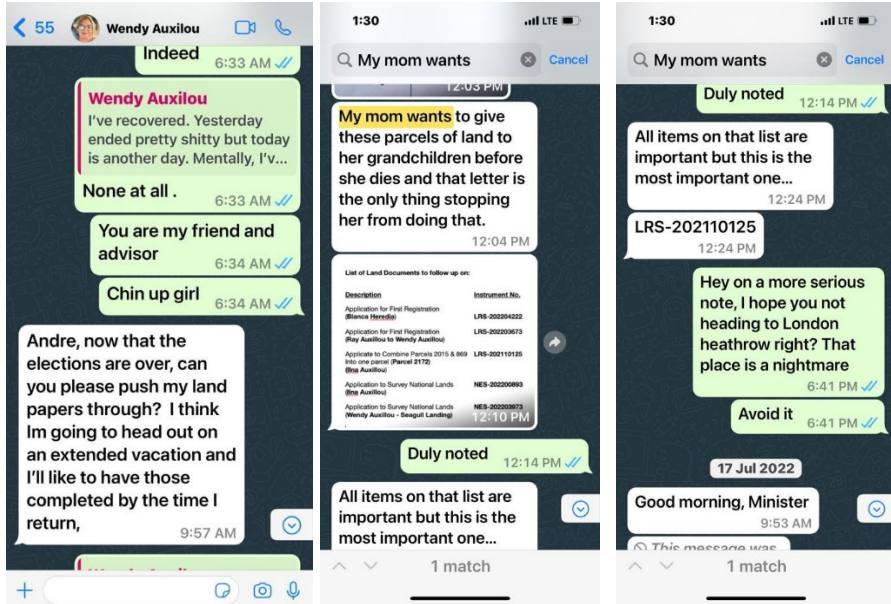
The Liquor License

Thereafter, once she sought to forge a close relationship with the minister, she kept making request from facilitating her liquor license to allowing expedited land transaction and when he did not comply she would go from being mad to then getting extremely nice again and then re-stating her request. Attached are copies of messages exchanged between the attorney Auxillou and the minister. ANNEX-1



Demands to expedite land

She was blatant about her request to have him help her push through as much land transaction and specifically those of her family. ANNEX-2

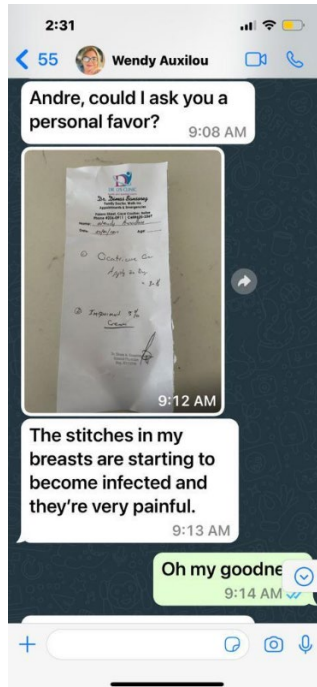


Flattery worked

She would call him her hero, her favourite minister and offer her services and speak of their arrangement, which was of a sexual nature, but when he did not continue, with time she found ways for him to drop off stuff to her personally to see him, to go to her office and even to buy medication for her surgery.

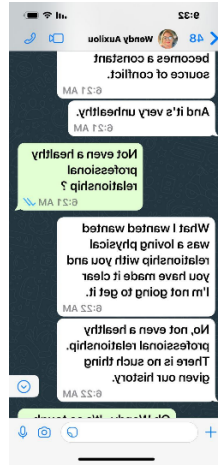
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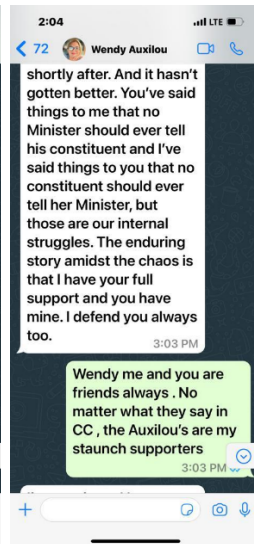
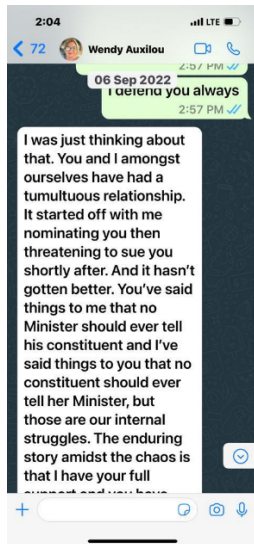
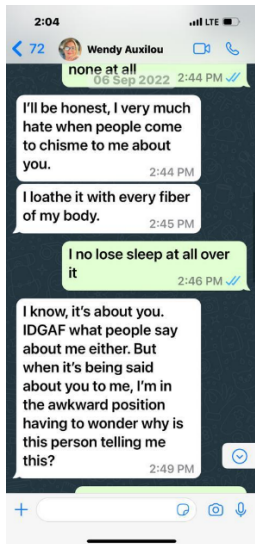


Agreeing there was a relationship to end

After the he would not further engage in any physical contact, she resorted to WhatsApp and despite their understanding that both would delete the pictures and texts, she did not and since November 2022, she sought to weaponized it against the minister to the point that she threatened to release them and demanded personal meetings at which she made demands for expedited favours, which he refused. ***“There was no doubt it was consensual and when she asked that we ended it, I was not opposed, however, I sought to remain professional and respectful of her and can show that in the messages I responded with. She wrote expressing how she felt and making it clear she had hoped for a more physical and intimate relationship than I was willing to offer,”*** he explained as he proven by the texts herein. ANNEX 4

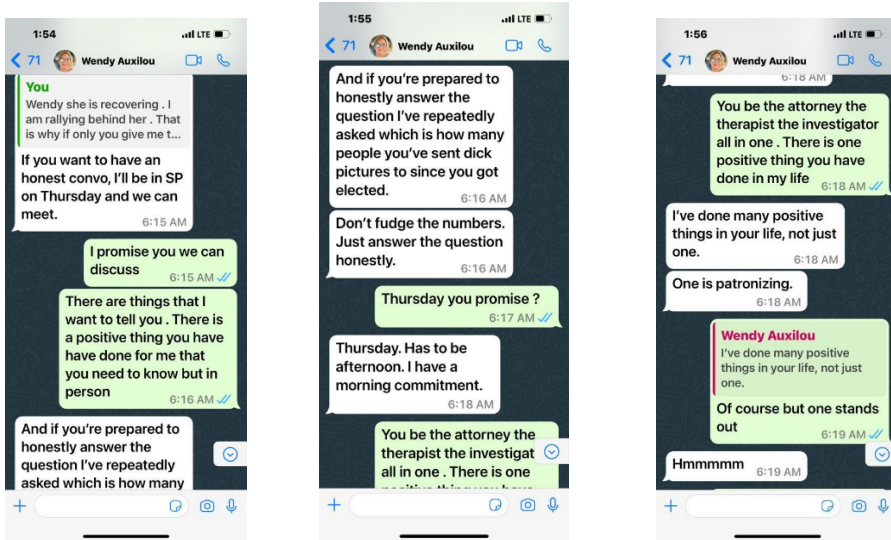


The messages clearly indicate she was friendly and despite her decision to call off the relationship, she kept a close friendship always seeking favour which were not forthcoming, thus resulting in the fabrication of being sexually harassed and getting unsolicited advances and even that her life is threatened, which are all false. . ANNEX 5



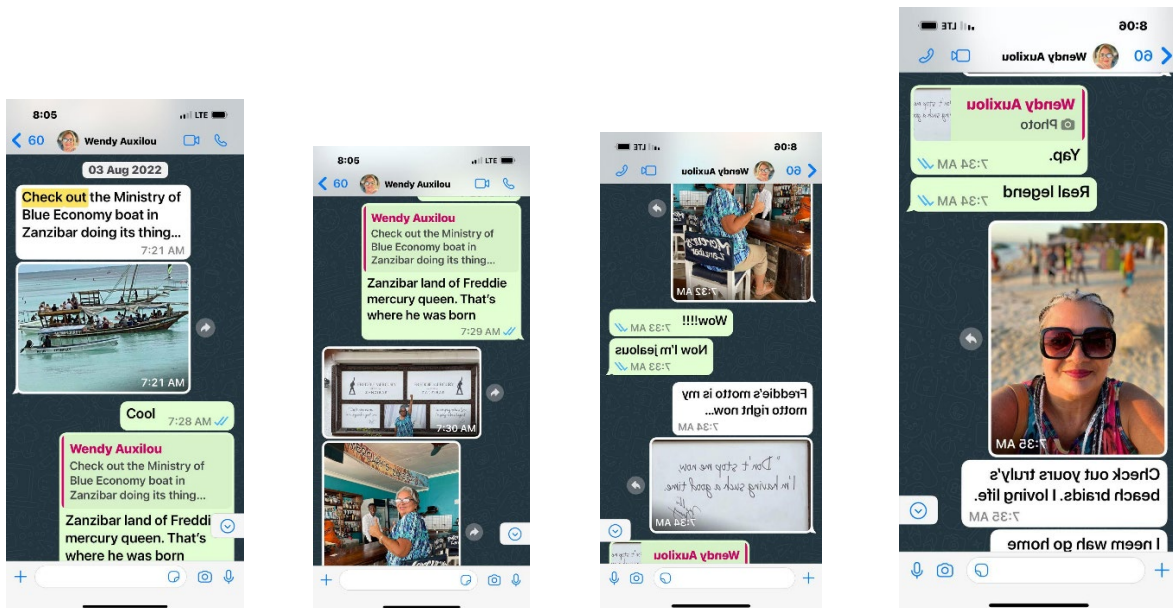
She made demands for land as well and was relentless in said demands, which were again made when she asked for recent meetings with him after going around say she was sexually harassed by him and that he was a pervert. She met with the minister on 7th July, 2023 at Moe's Pizza and there is an audio recording in which she clearly states she want land and transfer of companies to her name and agreeing there was a sexual relationship, but she felt hurt over not being given the attention she wanted.

She even set up a more recent meeting for this Wednesday 16th August, which the minister was advised not to attend because by then she had already set in motion her plan with the opposition party and newspaper.



If the minister was really sexually harassing her and was a predator, Attorney Auxillou would never had met with him personally and would never have been sending him pictures during her trip in Zanzibar, where she sought his attention as the journeyed.

Zanzibar photos ANNEX-6



“There is more to reveal, but I honestly wish I did not have to publicly defend myself against these false accusations, as I really need to now make public, matter concerning a woman, I tried to reason with, when I know it was a private issue,” Minister Perez explained as he asked that judgment not be passed on the female as he would wish that all she has said and done against him has seen from her position of hurt, and not thinking that in seeking to bring him down, she would be forced to come clean and explain.

Unfortunately, Attorney Auxillou resorted to contacting his wife at the time she was deal with her mother’s death causing much distraught. When that did not get the results she wanted she started on a full blown out campaign sending edited texts with deleted messages to his close family and friends, political committee, certain ministers, and when he did not relent by giving her what she wanted she began to claim he was threatened and left the country for Chiapas Mexico, making it well know her every travel and whereabouts, not the action of a person who went into hiding. She has since removed those post, in which she spoke to the mountain and her car breaking down and more.

As she left on her journey to Chiapas, she sent a text to the Prime Minister, but never made any official complaint or provide the proof of the threats for the PM to act upon and it only became hearsay. The texts messages she furnished to Channel 7 and other media house show how she deleted key messages that would prove that it was a simple smear campaign and then she used her being away and her phone not having good services not to be contacted and properly questioned. Before her departure and even upon her return she never went to make a police report to have the minister criminally charged and to date she has not made any official complaint to the the government nor the and specifically called well-known attorneys and the Prime <minister to make it appear she feared for her life.

“She had not been able to and will never be able to prove any threats because there was none ” said Minister Perez, but she made sure she sent text with claims of threats and fleeing for life, yet she posted on her Facebook page her entire trip from 2nd to 18th May, 2023. ***“It is with deep regret that the Prime Minister is being involved, sine not once was he unwilling to listen to her and when asked to make an offal complaint to be looked into, she never did it and I was able to show where allegations of threats to her were totally untrue. It has been very hard for me to have to show the countless messages form her and her demands of me, but now that all is it public domain, after she intentionally called on the Guardian newspaper with only her version of events, she turned it into political fodder,”*** explained Minister Perez.

The minister explains that the least that needs to be revealed for public consumption the better as his intention is not to cause any further harm. He is aware that the opposition will now seek to make all sorts of claims and calls for his resignation, but they do so without knowing the full truth and with no interest to know, as they were very much an instrument to make all public, not thinking about the well-being of all the women affected in an attempt to just bring him down. **Ends.....**